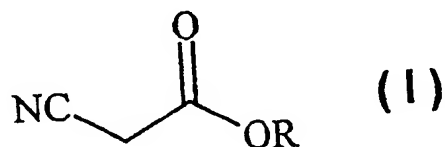
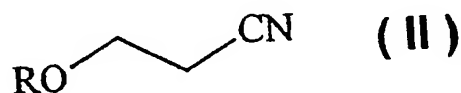

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method for producing cyanoacetic acid esters of general formula (I):



A3 wherein R represents an optionally substituted linear or branched C₁₋₈ alkyl group or an aryl C₁₋₄ alkyl group. According to the method, an alkoxypropionitrile of the general formula (II):



wherein R is defined above, is oxidized to form the desired product in the presence of a catalyst, based on lead or on one of the transition metals, using oxygen or an oxygen-forming reagent.
